



Hilda J. Barbour Elementary School GUITAR

Dear 3rd, 4th and 5th grade parents,

The music program at H.J.B. provides morning guitar classes for students in **grades 3-5**. You do not need to own a guitar at home in order to be included in the program. Guitars, books and materials are provided for your child to use at school. Our program offers opportunities for the hesitant music learner as well as the experienced player. Throughout the year your child will be learning basic notation, strumming patterns, note and string names, as well as basic chord progressions in the classical style of teaching. We will also look at TABs and acoustic/rock guitar through the use of the smart board.

Performance date is May 17th, 2010 @ 7pm. Report time will be announced later.

Continuous participation in guitar is important to a successful learning year. **In order to rehearse every week, all students need to have their homework and class work completed each day.** If a student is falling behind or their grades are not up to par, then they will not be able to come to guitar. If a student is having problems, missing school, or missing work, the student's teacher, parent, and Mr. Russell will decide what is best for that particular student. All guitar members are expected to participate fully for the entire year.

4th and 5th grade students may also choose to participate in chorus.

The guitar schedule is as follows...

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 3 rd grade guitar Brade and Pearson | 3 rd grade guitar Kisner and Obringer | 4 th grade guitar | 4 th & 5 th chorus | 5 th grade guitar |

FYI--- sometime mid-year, 4th and 5th grade guitar may be combined. Which day and when will be determined later.

Guitar classes are held from **8:10 to 8:40 a.m. meeting once a week for their assigned grade**. When you enter, please sign the attendance roster. **The classes will start Monday, September 20th**. Please fill out the form below and turn it into Mr. Russell **by Friday September 17th**

We will need to **charge a fee of \$5.00** to purchase replacement strings and for maintenance. Make check payable to Hilda J. Barbour Elementary School. Please make sure it is sent in a sealed envelope

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Phone: 540-622-8090 **E-mail:** jrussell@wcps.k12.va.us

*****Return Bottom Half Only*****

Please include the \$5.00 fee in a sealed envelope and send to Mr. Russell. Make checks payable to Hilda J. Barbour Elementary School.

My child, _____, has my permission to participate in the HJB Guitar Program. We understand that rehearsal is from 8:10am to 8:40am on their assigned day.

Signature of Parent _____ Phone _____ Date _____

Please circle your classroom teacher:

3rd Grade: Brade Pearson Kisner Obringer

4th Grade: Falkenstein Lynn Engel Beam

5th Grade: Turner Cockrell King Hall